bomb blast in Rudrapur;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). 'Public Order' being State subject, it is for State Governments to devise various methods and take concrete steps to improve law and order situation and whenever necessary grant relief and organise other rehabilitation measures in respect of persons affected by law and order disturbances. The Central Government renders all possible assistances to the State Governments whenever required this regard.

Assistance to State to Check Terrorist activities

592. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the government to check terrorist activities;

(b) the details of the quantity of arms, extent of financial assistance etc. Provided to the State Governments by Union Government to check such activities; and

(c) if no assistance is given, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c): Government is fully aware of the situation created by the terrorist elements in some parts of the country and is determined to ensure that a durable climate of peace, stability and progress prevails throughout the country. Various steps are being taken by the Government in this direction. The Central Govt. is rendering all possible assistance to the affected States in the form of additional para-military forces, provision of training facilities to the State Police personnel, improved communication facilities etc.

Villages Electrified in Ranchi

*593. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Ranchi, Bihar electrified during last three years alongwith the number of villages yet to be electrified;

(b) the amount allocated for the said villages during the last three years alongwith and the amount increased thereon; and

(c) the names of the on-going schemes under which electrification facilities are being provided in the villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As per available information, 87, 97 and 26 villages in Ranchi district were electrified during 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 respectively and as on 1st April, 1991, 644 villages were yet to be electrified.

(b) and (c). The district-wise priorities and allocations are finalised on Annual basis by the State Authorities depending on the State's total targets and allocations fixed by the Planning Commission.

[English]

Doordarshan Kendra, Ranchi (Bihar)

594. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan Kendra at Ranchi in Bihar is functioning in a garage;

(b) if so, the progress made so far for the construction of a new building for Doordarshan; and

(c) the area of present Doordarshan office and number of rooms therein?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir. This is a make shift arrangement.

(b) As it has been tentatively decided to reduce the size of the project for the establishment of Studio Centre at Ranchi, the interim arrangement is envisaged to be shifted to a nearby location in the same complex for providing better facilities.

(c) Present Doordarshan made shift studio set up is housed in 50 sq. mtrs. area. Another 50 sq. mtrs. floor area supports production staff, suitably partitioned at the site.

[*Translation*]

Amount Spent on Regional Publicity Directorate

595. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise amount spent in regional publicity directorate during the last three years;

(b) the objectives of regional publicity directorate set for Bihar;

(c) the extent to which these objectives have since been achieved;

(d) whether Government propose to set up more regional publicity directorates in Bihar; and

(e) the reaction of the people of Bihar in regard to information circulated by this organisation on Bihar?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) A statement showing the amount spent by Directorate of Field Publicity (not Regional Publicity Directorate) for the last three years, regionwise, is given in the statement attached. Some regions cover more than one State/Union Territory.

(b) and (c). The Directorate of Field Publicity has no specific objectives or programmes for Bihar or any other State. The programmes of the Directorate have national rather than regional themes though sometimes campaigns are undertaken in response to specific needs of a particular area or subject. In Bihar such campaigns have been undertaken on subjects such as 'Kala Azar', 'Diarrohea' 'Immunisation' and 'Adult Eduction' during the last three years.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The reactions of the people of Bihar to Directorate of Field Publicity programmes varies depending on the nature, content and publicity format of a programmes.

STATEMENT

Amount Spent on Regional Publicity Directorate

(Rs. in thousands)

Sl.No.	*Region*	*1988-89*	*1989-90*	*1990-91*
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2317	2725	2900
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2335	2544	3271